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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that India is facing a huge crisis in terms of availability of advanced education for its students ;

(b) if so, concrete steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the institutions providing higher, Technical and advanced education has become a business centre and unaffordable to the middle class or common man; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make available higher education at affordable expenses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) : According to the information furnished by the UGC, there are enough opportunities for meritorious students to pursue higher education in the country. At present, 345 institutions of higher learning are imparting higher education at UG/PG/Doctoral level. The fee in the Government Institutions is low and affordable and there is a provision of freeship and scholarship for poor and meritorious students apart from the facilities for providing educational loans.